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PNEUMATIC TIRE

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated June 4, 2002, the due date for response having been petitioned to be extended for two months to November 4, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim $\acute{2}$ without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

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Please amend claims 1 and 3 as follows:

(Amended) A pneumatic tire comprising

a tread portion provided with a block pattern being asymmetric about the tire equator, said tread portion having an inside tread